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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 80, Cornhill, Gordon & Gotch, Ltd., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 10, Rue Montevideo, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLANCH, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Singapore, C. HENNINGSEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Siam, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Fuzhou, HOBBS & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CHAMFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CHAMFORD & Co.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per annum.

" 12 " " 5 1/2 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....£200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....£100,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£200,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£100,000.

RESERVE FUND.....£50,000.

HEAD OFFICE.—39A, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS.—NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. HORNE BOYD, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, May 24, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1845.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£20,000,000.

RESERVE FUND.....£200,000.

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue de la Harpe, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, MANILA, CANTON, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, KYOTO, FUKUOKA, NAGASAKI, HANKOW, TIENTSIN, PEKING, TAIPEI, HANKOW, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, KYOTO, FUKUOKA, NAGASAKI, HANKOW, TIENTSIN, PEKING, TAIPEI.

LONDON BANKERS.—THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application; grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the world, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEUMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....1,500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—The Hon. W. KESWICK.

Deputy Chairman.—A. MOLYNEUX, Esq.

ADOLF ANDER, Esq. H. DE C. FORBES, Esq.

E. R. BELLON, Esq. H. HORTON, Esq.

H. L. DAINFORTH, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong,.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai,.....EVER CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and Country Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, April 28, 1880.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES ELLES is hereby authorized to sign for the Firm by Procuration on and after this Date.

ELLES & Co. Amoy, 1st July, 1880. au3

VICTORIA FOUNDRY.

WE, the Undersigned, having purchased the Lease and Plant of the above Foundry and ENGINEERING WORKS, intend carrying on BUSINESS as ENGINEERS, IRON and BRASS FOUNDERS, &c. from this Date under the Style and Title of "FENWICK, MORRISON & Co."

GEO. FENWICK, ROBT. MORRISON, Victoria Foundry, Wanchai, Hongkong, June 14, 1880. au4

NOTICE.

MR. C. STIEBEL has to-day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

REISS & Co. Hongkong, May 1, 1880. au1

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Agents, ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. au6

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

RUBAL BUILDING LOT No. 6, Situate at the Junction of the Mount George and Aberdeen New Roads.

Apply to SHARP & DANBY, Hongkong, July 10, 1880.

FOR SALE.

THIS LOT is the best and most conveniently situated Site on the southern slope of Mount George, and commands beautiful and extensive views in every direction. A Strong and Substantial BUNGALOW, with VERANDAH, is now in course of erection on the Lot, the Walls of which will be of Concrete, and the Woodwork throughout of Teak and Manila Hardwood. There is also a splendid site on the Ground for a Large Tennis Lawn and Flower Garden.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT, \$18.00.

For further Particulars, &c., Apply to SHARP & DANBY, Hongkong, July 10, 1880.

FOR SALE.

EX-RECENT ARRIVALS, AND AT VERY MODERATE PRICES.

BASS' PALE ALE, in Quarts and Pints, bottled by PATRICK & HENDERSON, in Splendid Condition.

FINE OLD PORT, in 1 doz. Cases.

BOARD'S GINGERWINE.

After-Dinner and Breakfast CLARETS, in 1 doz. Quarts.

MULDOON'S CELEBRATED GERMAN VEGETABLES, PRESERVED, RAISINS, FRUITS, RASPBERRY VINEGAR, &c.

Also, TWO Large "HARRISON'S" PATENT FIREPROOF SAFES.

G. R. LAMBERT, Pedlar's Wharf Buildings, Hongkong, June 5, 1880.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH.

HAVE just received the following NEW & IMPORTANT BOOKS:

Dr. Legge's New Work "The Religions of China," ..\$ 1.75

Spence Hardy's "Manual of Buddhism," ..2.00

Swinburne's "Songs of the Springtides," ..2.00

Letich's "Serpent Painting," ..2.00

Todivale's "Merchant and Brokers' Companion," ..2.00

Sheldon Ames's "Political and Legal Remedies for War," ..2.00

Holmes' "Voice Production and Voice Preservation," ..1.00

Prescott's "The Speaking Telephone and Electric Light," ..2.00

Smith's "Life of Gladstone," ..2.00

O'Brien's "Handbook of Hygiene," ..2.00

O'Brien's "History of the English Words," ..2.00

Bain's "Woodworking Machinery," ..2.00

Ferguson's "Chinese Researches," ..2.00

"The Province of Shing-king," ..2.00

Hongkong, July 14, 1880.

THE AMERICAN GILT EDGE POKER CARDS.

New Designs in PLAYING CARDS, GOODALL'S and DE LA RUE'S.

THE CHROMOGRAPH: The Best Kind of MULTIPLE COPIING APPARATUS.

New FANCY NOTE PAPERS.

Genuine Smyrna CIGARETTE TOBACCO, in fine condition.

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS for Cabinets only.

A New Stock of DANCE MUSIC and SONGS.

The Waterbury, The Pickwick, The Nile, The Hindoo and Giltola, Mitchell's and Waterloo's PLNS.

A Large Variety of G. B. D. Briar Wood PIPES, quite New Styles.

A Fine Assortment of Meerschaum PIPES.

Hongkong, July 14, 1880.

Agents in Hongkong: Messrs LANE, CHAMFORD & Co.

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co., Victoria Exchange, Hongkong.

HAVE pleasure in Announcing their "ANNUAL STOCKTAKING SALE" OF SILKS, POPLINS, POMPADOURS, MUSLINS, GRENADINES, RIBBONS, LACES, SOFARS, COLLARS, TIES, HOSIERY, GLOVES, MILLINERY, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, TOYS, &c., &c.

A Large Accumulation of REMNANTS to be cleared out.

The SALE will Commence on MONDAY Next, the 19th July, and continue for fourteen days.

TERMS:—Cash. au1

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co's CHAMPAINE.

Quarts.....\$16 per 1 doz. Case.

Pinks.....\$17 per 3 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

TO LET.

THE First and Ground FLOORS of HOUSE, No. 6, FRANK EAST, on NASSAU LANE, No. 65 (known as the "Blue House"). Possession 1st of August.

Also, The HOUSE opposite the Wanchai Pier at present occupied by Mr. A. G. ATKIN, containing Eight Large Rooms with Large VERANDAH, KITCHEN, SERVANTS' QUARTERS, &c., with Gas and Water laid on. Possession 1st of August.

Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, July 1, 1880. au1

GOAL GODOWNS—TO LET.

BURROWS GODOWNS, Nos. 43, 50a and 50b, PRAYA EAST; with Private WHARF.

The GODOWNS, Nos. 111, 111a and 113, WANCHAI ROAD.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 15, 1880.

TO LET.

GROUND FLOOR of Houses Nos. 3 and 4.

Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, April 10, 1880.

TO LET.

FOREIGN DWELLING HOUSES in the HOLLYWOOD ROAD, containing six Rooms and Out-Houses.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, April 7, 1880.

TO BE LET on Lease for BUILDING, a Piece of GROUND, containing about 10,000 Square Feet, at SPRING GARDEN, on Island Lot No. 109, commanding a good view of the harbour.

Apply to BREWSTER & WOTTON, Solicitors, 20, Queen's Road, Hongkong, February 4, 1880.

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, February 7, 1880.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, July 23, 1879. au1

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 120.

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

"KIUTOAN" LIGHTVESSEL.

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF LIGHTVESSEL AND IN FOG SIGNAL.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the "KIUTOAN" Lightvessel will shortly be withdrawn from her Station for Repair, and that the "TAKU" Lightvessel will temporarily take her place.

The "TAKU" Light is a fixed White Dioptric one, elevated 35 feet above the Sea, and in clear weather it should be visible from a distance of ten nautical miles.

The Lightvessel is painted Red with the word "TAKU" in White Letters on each Side, and she has one mast surmounted by an 8 foot Black Ball.

In fog weather a gong will be sounded at one minute intervals.

CHARTER IN POSITION OF "KIUTOAN" LIGHTVESSEL.

After the "Kiutoan" Lightvessel has been repaired, she will be moored in 8 fathoms of water on the North side of the Channel with the Kiutoan Lighthouse bearing S. 87° W., magnetic, and distance about 2 1/2 nautical miles.

In order to avoid the South-Eastern part of the Blockhouse Shoal, Vessels when within four miles to seaward of the "Kiutoan," in her new position, should not bring her to bear West of N. 37° W.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs, DAVID M. HENDERSON, Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Shanghai, 9th July, 1880. j24

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st instant, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividend.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 17th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, B. GOLDSMITH, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 5, 1880. au1

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

Shanghai, 1st July, 1880.

A THIRTIETH RETURN OF CAPITAL & ACCUMULATIONS at the Rate of TWO TABLES (1/2, 2.00) per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 2nd July, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on FRIDAY, 9th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 9th July, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

NOTICE.

SHIP'S COMPASS, STEVEDORE, BALLAST AND WATER SUPPLIER, HONGKONG & WHARF, (the same as before) Keep on hand and for sale, well assorted Chinese Stores & Coal of all kinds.

Shipping supplied at the shortest notice with all kinds of Ballast and fresh Provisions at moderate charges.

650, PRAYA WEST.

館辦興成口街興永

Notice is hereby given, that all Creditors and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of KWOK ACHREONG, who died at Victoria in the Island of Hongkong on the 22nd day of April, 1880, and whose Will was duly proved by Kwok Yin Kai and Kwok Yung Po, of No. 8, Queen's Road West, Victoria, aforesaid, in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 30th day of April, 1880, are hereby required to send, in writing, the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said Kwok Yin Kai and Kwok Yung Po at their residence, aforesaid, or to Messrs BREWSTER & WOTTON, the Solicitors of the said Kwok Yin Kai and Kwok Yung Po, at their Office, 20, Queen's Road, Victoria, aforesaid, on or before the day of 1st October, 1880.

And Notice is hereby also given, that as the expiration of the last mentioned day the said Kwok Yin Kai and Kwok Yung Po will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Kwok ACHREONG, amongst the Parties entitled thereto having regard to the Claims of which the said Kwok Yin Kai and Kwok Yung Po or their Solicitors the said Messrs BREWSTER & WOTTON have then had notice; and that the said Kwok Yin Kai and Kwok Yung Po will not be liable for the Assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said Kwok Yin Kai and Kwok Yung Po had not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 1st day of May, 1880.

BREWSTER & WOTTON, 20, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 7, 1880. j28

NOTICE.

MR. BAN HAP, otherwise NGAN CHAN WAI, the Holder of the Government Privilege of Boiling and Frying Opium, has no connection with the Joint Stock Company registered under the Style of the "MAN WO FUNG COMPANY, LIMITED."

合萬 BAN HAP, 人代理 By His ATTORNEY, 培理 NGAN POEY.

Dated Hongkong, 1st July, 1880.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS, now on a visit to SHANGHAI, will return to HONGKONG early in the Winter as usual.

Hongkong, April 1, 1880.

In the Matter of

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

Prime 'Young America' Cheese.
EASTERN CHEESE.
WHITTAKER'S HAMS, Very Fine.
BONELESS CODFISH.
SALMON BELLIES in Kilo.
MACKEREL in Kilo.
Family PIG PORK.
Prime MEAT, BEEF.
LAMB'S TONGUES.
CRACKED WHEAT.
CORNMEAL.
COMB HONEY in Frame.
PEA NUTS.
BARCELONA NUTS.
OX TONGUES.
BOMBY.
RYE MEAL.
PECAN NUTS.
HICKORY NUTS.
POTTED MEATS.
BARTLET PEARS.
PEACHES.
&c., &c., &c.

Ex "MENELAUS"
An Invoice of MILNER'S
PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES
and
DEED CHESTS.
To be Sold at Manufacturers' Prices.

T. & D. HENRY'S GOVERNMENT NAVY
CANVAS, all Numbers.
FLAX SEAMING TWINE.

Ex "HOPE"
WOODBERRY'S COTTON DUCK, Nos.
1 to 10.
RAVENS DUCK, and
DRILLS.
COTTON TWINE.

Ex "RAPHAEL"
A Large Assortment of
CROCKERY and GLASSWARE.
DINNER SERVICES.
DESSERT SERVICES.
TOILET SERVICES.
BREAKFAST SERVICES.
&c., &c., &c.

Ex "ANCHISES"
and
LATE ARRIVALS.

ROTHSCHILD'S Extra All Long FLAX
CANVAS.
ROTHSCHILD'S Royal Navy CANVAS.
ROTHSCHILD'S Best Baled Do.
English COLZA OIL.
English COTTON WASTE.
Tuck's Patent PACKING.
FLAX PACKING.
Horn's Best Russian CORDAGE.
Best English Charcoal WIRE ROPE.
Galvanized IRON CHAIN, 3/16th, 1/4th
and 5/8th.
HUBBARD'S PAINTS and OILS.
TURBENTINE. Copal VARNISH.
French POLISH. SOFT SOAP.
OAKLEY'S Wellington KNIFE POWDER.
Plate POWDER. Plate BRUSHES.
Billard CHALK. CUE TIPS.
Metallic TAPE LINES.

CHERRY'S Patent PADLOCKS,
TIN LOCKS,
Coppered LOCKS,
Box LOCKS.

FIRE GRATES.
Suspension and Bracket Patent Extinguishing
KEROSENE LAMPS.
ROBERTS & SON'S CUTLERY.
Electro-plated WARE.
BUNTING and Bunting THREAD.
BRASS'S PATENT PNEUMATIC GUN.

Royal Bristol GINGER ALE, in Pink
Bottles.
JERRARD'S India PALE ALE, in Pink
Bottles.
CLARET-Chatteau THIBOUTY.
Irish GRAVES, Plata and Quarta.
Chatteau LABORE.
Breakfast CHAIER.

HAUT SAUTERNE.
SACCOFF'S White Seal SHERRY.
Do. Amontillado SHERRY.
Do. Very Fine OLD PORT.
Draught ALE and PORTER, sold by the
Gallon.

STATIONERY.
BOOKS.
TOBACCOES, and
CIGARS.

JOHN
MOIR & SONS,
GROVER & BLACKWELL'S,
and
AMERICAN
OILMAN STORES.

SHIPHANDLERY
of Every Description.

SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING,
promptly executed.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
Hongkong, July 20, 1880.

Insurances.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 263,268

Total CAPITAL and Ac-
cumulations, 8th
April, 1880.....Tls. 913,268

Directors.
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
W. M. BOYD, Esq. Wm. MEYERINE, Esq.
J. H. PICKFORS, Esq. F. D. HITCH, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE-SHANGHAI.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:
Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.
Subject to a charge of 12 1/2 for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are an-
nually distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Premiums
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 11, 1880. 10080

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underwritten, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Underwritten are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Underwritten have been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation and are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:-
Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Life Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)
CAPITAL.-TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underwritten are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARRER & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 200,000

THE Underwritten have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Said and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted, at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE for POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

Mails.



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE
AND INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. NIGATA MARU, Captain
WALKER, due here on or about the
19th instant, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 24th July, at Day-
light.
Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 23rd July.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.
All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
To Kobe.....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.
" Yokohama & Nagasaki.....Do. \$75. Do. 20.

A Reduction is made on RETURN CABIN
Passengers.
Cargo and Passengers for Nagasaki
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's Office, No. 50, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, July 12, 1880. jy24

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

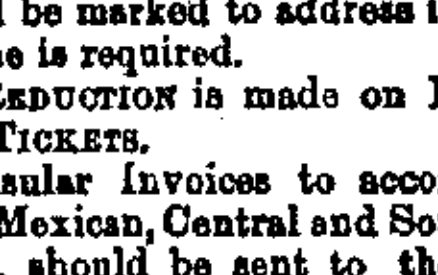
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on SATURDAY, the 24th July, 1880, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central
and South America, and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 23rd July. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-
senger Tickets.
Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, July 8, 1880. jy24



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
MIRZAPORE, Captain P. A. BARN, will leave
this on MONDAY, the 26th Inst., at 5 p.m.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MOLYER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, July 15, 1880. jy26

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE Underwritten are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARRER & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 200,000

THE Underwritten have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Said and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted, at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE for POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP "AMAZON."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNÉES of Cargo per Steamship
Copernic, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before 1 o'clock p.m. To-day,
requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Underwriter.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATUR-
DAY, the 24th Inst., at Noon, will be sub-
ject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 19, 1880. jy26

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-
McNair, American ship, Captain W.
Taylor.-P. & O. S. N. Co.
Clifton, British ship, Capt. Beadle.
Wilder & Co.
Clifton, British ship, Capt. Davies.
Rosario & Co.
J. A. Thomson, American ship, Captain
Charles J. Rogers.-Messageries Maritimes.
GENERAL FAIRBANK, American ship,
Capt. David Kelly.-Messageries Maritimes.
Agnew, American ship, Captain Taylor.
P. & O. S. N. Co.
Valley Forge, American ship, Captain
Orin Doane.-Captain.
Rio Loe, British brig, Captain A. G.
Wheatley Walker.-Order.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, July 20, 1880. jy21

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Co's Steamship
"Menelaus,"
Commandant HENRY,
will be despatched for
YOKOHAMA on FRIDAY, the 23rd Inst.,
at Daylight.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 20, 1880. jy23

STEAMSHIP "MENELAUS."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON MONDAY, the 2nd day of August,
1880, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
DUMAS, Commandant HENRY, will
be despatched for SAIGON, SINGAPORE,
BATAVIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES; and CARGO will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Goods will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m. on
the 1st of August, 1880. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and Value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 20, 1880. and

CARGO.
Per S. S. Aca, sailed 19th July.-For
Canton, 3,187 bales Silk, 40 bales Waste
Silk, 20 bales Pajamas, 64 bales Cocoon,
16 cases Silks, 4,094 half-chests Tea, 1,459
boxes and 54 pkgs. Tea, and 215 pkgs.
Sundries.-For London, 1,433 bales Silk,
16 cases Silks, 1,063 boxes Tea, 200 flasks
Quicksilver, and 20 pkgs. Sundries.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 20, Peking, British steamer, 2332,
W. M. Robble, Bombay July 3, Galle 8,
Canton 12, Singapore 15, Malle and
General.-P. & O. S. N. Co.

July 20, Yangtze, British steamer, from
Canton.

July 20, Glenfidd, British steamer, 1308,
H. G. Wilcox, Shanghai and Foochow July
18, Tea.-JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

July 20, Chin-tung, Chinese steamer, 835,
Winnor, Shanghai July 16, General.-O.
M. S. N. Co.

July 20, Penedo, British steamer, 652,
Cain, Newchwang July 12, Beana.-Geo.
K. Stevens & Co.

July 20, Menzies, French steamer, 1278,
Homesy, London June 5, Port Said, Galle,
and Singapore July 16, General.-MESSA-
GERIES MARITIMES.

July 20, Wandring Minster, British
barque, 360, Stewright, Newchwang June
17, Beana.-Kwong Kien.

DEPARTURES
July 19, Olympia, for Canton.
20, Chinkiang, for Canton.
20, Albany, for Swatow, &c.
20, Hainan, for Hainan, &c.
20, Peking, for Tientsin.
20, Cleveland, for Saigon.

CLEARED.
Strathmore, for New York.
Rosario, for Manila.
Conquest, for Hainan, &c.
J. & Thomson, for Hainan.
Yangtze, for Shanghai.
McNair, for San Francisco.
Thales, for Foochow.
Rio Loe, for Swatow.
Bomby, for Swatow.
Glenfidd, for London, &c.
Rejmationhar, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS
ARRIVED.
Per Peking, for Hongkong: from South-
ampton, Misses Breton (2), Major
Pascoe and attendant; from Peking, Mrs.
Rosa and child, Mr. Emilia, Messrs G.
Bettendorfer, and L. Cantello, and 12 Chi-
nese for Amoy; from Singapore, 144 Chi-
nese.-For Shanghai: from Southampton,
Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Mr. G. Watson, and
Mr. Burkill's servant.-For Yokohama:
from Venice, Mr. C. Cant; from Bombay,
Rev. Narayan Shehadri.
Per Glenfidd, from Shanghai, Mr. and
Mrs. Love and family.
Per Penedo, from Newchwang, Mrs. Sin-
clair and sister.
Per Chin-tung, from Shanghai, 14 Chi-
nese.

DEPARTED.
Per Diamante, for Manila, Rev. O.
Gorman, 1 European, and 7 Chinese.
Per Albany, for Swatow, &c., 100 Chinese.
Per Cleveland, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer Glenfidd reports:
Light South-westerly winds and calm.
The Chinese steamer Chin-tung reports:
Left Shanghai on 16th Inst. at 4.25 a.m.
Had moderate monsoon and clear weather
throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:-
For SWATOW.-
Per Bombay, at 8.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 21st Inst.
For NEWCHOWANG.-
Per Nemuchow, at 8.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 21st Inst.
For SHANGHAI.-
Per S. S. Peking, To-morrow, the 21st
Inst. Registry closes at 2.45 p.m.
Mail closes at 3 p.m. Late Letters
received from 10 to 10.30 with
10 cents Late Fee. Paid Correspond-
ence may then be posted in the
movable box on board the Packet.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.-
Per Saraya, at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday,
the 21st Inst., instead of as pre-
viously notified.
For STRAITS AND LONDON.-
Per Glenfidd, at 3.30 p.m. on Wednes-
day, the 21st Inst., instead of as
previously notified.
For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.-
Per Yanco, at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday,
the 22nd Inst.
For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.-
Per Venice, at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday,
the 22nd Inst., instead of as pre-
viously notified.
For AMOY AND MANILA.-
Per Amoy, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, the
23rd Inst.
For JAPAN via KOBE.-
Per Amoy, at 5 p.m. on Friday,
the 23rd Inst.
For SAIGON.-
Per Zambounga, at 4.30 p.m. on Satur-
day, the 24th Inst.
For NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.-
Per Zunda, at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday,
the 27th Inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet Oceanic, will
be despatched on SATURDAY, the
24th Inst., with Mails for Japan, San
Francisco, the United States, Canada,
Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be
closed as follows:-
2.15 p.m. Registry closes.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters
(except for Non-Union Countries) may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 10 cents extra. Postage
until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies
(except the Bahamas and Hayti),
Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay
cannot be sent by this route.
Hongkong, July 18, 1880. jy24

MAILS BY THE PORTS STRAITS PACKET.-
The Australian Contract Packet Brisbane,
will be despatched from Hongkong on
SATURDAY, the 7th August, with
Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island,
Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,
Bass, Port Jackson, Sydney, Tas-
mania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Mel-
bourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after
2.15 p.m.
The Mails will be closed at 2.30 p.m. ex-
ceptional mail on board with 10 cents
late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western
Australia can be sent by this route if
despatched, but as a general rule it is
better to send it via Galle.
Hongkong, July 16, 1880. and

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

4 p.m.-Yangtze leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.-Glenfidd leaves for London.

General Memoranda.
THURSDAY, July 22:-
10 a.m.-Nemosa leaves for Coast Ports.
4 p.m.-Venice leaves for Singapore, &c.

FRIDAY, July 23:-
Daylight.-Menzies leaves for Yama.
3 p.m.-Amoy leaves for Manila.

SATURDAY, July 24:-
Daylight.-Mitsui Bishi Mail leaves for
Yokohama, &c.
Goods per Amoy undelivered after
Noon, subject to rent and landing
charges.

3 p.m.-Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

MONDAY, July 26:-
5 p.m.-English Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.

TUESDAY, July 27:-
Goods per Menzies undelivered after
Noon, subject to rent and landing
charges.

WEDNESDAY, July 28:-
3 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of the
H. O. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,
at No. 50A, Queen's Road.

SATURDAY, July 31:-
2.30 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of
the China Trade Insurance Co., Ltd.,
at the Head Office, Hongkong.

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and the most vital part of a machine stolen (if loose) after having been passed into the hands of the Chinese.

A CORRESPONDENT, who seems to know something of Chinese points out that the Acting Chinese Secretary, while proving, certain grounds for his position in the "Chung Kwan" and "Nü Kung" question of interpretation, has overlooked several considerations which ought to have been noticed. While "Nü Kung" means servitude, it does not mean servitude of a punitive kind; the penal idea is not sufficiently, if at all, present. "Chung Kwan," on the other hand, very clearly, even upon the authorities cited, includes the penalty of servitude, and in Canton implies detention in goal for sometimes a lengthened period. In England "transportation" and "penal servitude" were almost synonymous terms for many years, certainly in a colloquial sense. But there is another difficulty which Dr. Eitel seems to have left out of his calculations. How about "Domestic Servitude"? What equivalent will the Acting Chinese Secretary give to the Court for "so-called Domestic Servitude" in Chinese? It will never do to place so great an argument at the disposal of the Chief Justice as this—that the servitude in Cool under Mr. Thompson is the same as that described in all its supposed horrors by His Lordship, and defended and explained away by the learned Doctor. What could His Excellency the Governor and his Secretary have been thinking of? The Chinese in Peru and elsewhere were not engaged in "penal servitude" even if they were doing "slave labour." At all events, the Acting Chinese Secretary will have to cast about for a more punitive rendering than "Nü Kung," else Exeter Hall will hear of the curious and striking coincidence, in its bearing on the Slavery Question at Hongkong.

In the Singapore papers to hand by the English Mail delivered this morning, we observe a telegram from home had been despatched to India announcing the appointment of the Right Hon. W. P. Adam, member for Clackmannan, as Governor of Madras. A later telegram also appears, however, contradicting the appointment.

Tua Rohila, which will be here in a fortnight, is one of the latest additions to the P. & O. Fleet. She is a screw steamer, built to the order of the Company, by Messrs Caird & Co., Greenock. She was launched on April 27th, and her dimensions we take as follows from the home papers:—Length, 384 feet; breadth, 40 feet; and depth, 28 feet 2 inches, moulded. She is classed 100 AT at Lloyd's, as a three-masted steam vessel, and will form an addition to the fleet already turned out for this company by the Messrs Caird. At the same time, the new steamer was named the *Rohila*, by Mrs. Captain Lea, wife of the commander of the newly-launched P. & O. steamer *Bavaria*, built by Messrs Penny, Dumbarton.

The *Singapore Daily Times* is our authority for the following announcement:—"A letter from Saigon says that some six thousand troops are expected to arrive there from France next September to occupy Tonquin, the main object of the expedition being to open up the river Hongkong to trade. It is believed that Hongkong will be made the port of supply for stores, &c., for this expedition. Why not Singapore?"

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the N. C. D. News that recent letters from the capital evince a more decided disposition on the part of the Chinese Government in the Russo-Kuldja affair. It appears that His Excellency Liu, the Viceroy of the Two Kiang, took the opportunity of his visit to Peking to impress on the Imperial Court the inadvisability of going to war with Russia, both on the ground that China is unprepared, and also that the cost of such a war would be a most serious charge on the resources of the Empire. The result has been that matters are allowed to remain dependent on the report expected from the Marquis Tseng, the Chinese Ambassador at St. Petersburg. Since the remission of Chung How's sentence, however, it is stated that Russia will be confirmed in possession of that portion of Kuldja assigned to her by the treaty of Livadia, and that no further interruption of peaceful relations between China and Russia will exist.

"The *Tokio Times*, which has for months been in a moribund state, expired to-day. Like a tallow-candle-burned-down-to-the-screw, it has gone out with a sizzle, and society is weekly and daily becoming more and more unpolished. During its disgraceful career it has been with falsehood, venom, and misrepresentation, varied only with sullenness of addition, and pandering to the Japanese, whose money kept the wretched thing going, upon an hallucination, encouraged by the late recipient of the coin, that the existence of the *Tokio Times* was essential to secure the fair discussion of Japanese topics, and to counteract the adverse criticisms which appear occasionally in the foreign press. The explanation was tried sufficiently long to convince them that a conscientious writer who prostituted his intellect and his well-trained pen for a pecuniary reward, had no influence whatever, and further, that the connection was in every way a scandal and a reproach."

Mrs. Pittman seems destined to provide employment for the lawyers in Hongkong, for, we will be seen by a report which we reprint from the *Daily Press*, he has applied for an injunction against the committee of the Hongkong Club, to restrain them from expelling him. An inferior order has been obtained to prevent them from doing this, or from informing other Clubs of the step taken, and we are therefore deprived at present of the official statement. Privately we hear, however, that the facts are as follows. The Committee, on receipt of an application to that effect, signed by 89 members—called an extraordinary meeting of the members of the Club, when a resolution was passed by 89 votes to 21 expelling Mrs. Pittman. Against the carrying out of this resolution, Mr. Pittman has applied for an injunction. It is also said that—should the decision be adverse to the Committee, the shareholders will close the Club for

24 hours, and return members their entrance fees. The Club will then be reopened. —*Japan Herald*.

THE Admiralty has published a report from the captain of the *Comus* of his unsuccessful search for shipwrecked crews on the Crozet Islands. The report gives the results of the examination of Hog Island, the Twelve Apostles, Penguin Island, Possession Island, and East Island On Hog Island a depot of provisions for the use of the shipwrecked persons was placed, and this appears to have been a work of some difficulty. No traces of shipwrecked persons were found on any of the islands visited. The last place visited was St. Paul's. Captain East concludes his report as follows:—

We left on the morning of the 24th for St. Paul's, making the passage under sail until within 150 miles of the island, when we had 165 steam. We arrived at eleven a.m. on the 29th. Found here a party of French (the Bourbon) fishermen, twenty-nine in number, engaged in catching and curing fish. They had a small schooner of about 100 tons moored alongside the rocks, and the crew, and were waiting for a high tide and westerly wind to put out; they had a party of ten at Amsterdam Island engaged in the same way. Being very hard up for provisions, I supplied them with 8 cwt. of bread, 25 lbs. of sugar, and 25 lbs. of tobacco, taking captain's receipt and name of owner at Bourbon Isle, which are forwarded in a separate letter. This party had seen or heard nothing of any shipwrecked crews. The boilers, some spare, and other parts of the *Albatros* are still lying off the rocks. We shot two seals close up with a torpedo a large quantity of fish, enough for the ship's company, and landed twenty-eight rabbits caught at Kerguelen, which I hope in a short time will increase the resources of this island. Having now completed the duties of the *Comus*, we are about to return to my orders received from their Lordships, we left under sail for Singapore. A great many friends of the passengers in the *Comus* have written to me, I would suggest that a portion of this my report should be sent to the public papers for the information of those interested.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE PROPOSED GAP RAILWAY SCHEME.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Sir,—It is not for one uninitiated into the mysteries of Railway Engineering to enter into a disquisition on the question of expenditure in the construction of a permanent way, and so let it be admitted that the five miles of railway can be made, and rolling stock, stations, &c., can be provided at an outlay of £285,000; but the estimate of revenue is a question for all—and therefore leaving out the winter months which would on analysis be found feebler, let the revenue of April to October be considered—fifteen double journeys daily are possible at a rate of 2s. 6d. per passenger, and 100 natives are estimated, an average of about 3 European and 4 Chinese per journey. Goods the carriage of which is estimated at £70 per diem are estimated to be carried daily. There is nothing in the way of goods to be brought down, and daily food and building materials to be taken up. Each passenger would presumably be entitled to carry 100 lbs. or so of baggage, and this weight would suffice for his daily food requirements. The Peak residents do not all live in the immediate vicinity of the Gap Railway station. Coolies would be required to take things to the House Station to begin with, and to be in waiting at the Gap to take the stores from the Station there to their masters' residences. Again, daily food would be required, and especially for ladies, and who would think of paying \$30 a month for a Railway Ticket, keeping their coolies besides, in town, in addition to the coolies for Madame at the Peak. \$24 a month will pay four Peak coolies, and the rest of the month's expenses for the Peak district now, the inhabitants of many of which do not come down at all until they come altogether, so how 50 Europeans can be brought down daily out of the pocket of the Peak, and the expenditure of 100 Chinese both ways is still more strange. Why? What would they do when they got there? Those of them who could afford to pay 20 cents would have no place to go to excepting to Mountain Lodge, and that is not to be supposed that they could go there every day. Indeed it is an open question as to whether 100 Chinese could be got to travel up and down every day by the Railway Coy. to pay them 20 cents each to go. The coolies would be a little relaxed after the travel of the coolies, but supposing they had no police business to attend to, and if they were paid reasonably might go up; at the same time they would each and all make more than the shareholders could afford to give by doing some of the faintest of the coolies' pockets in the mountain ground. Every thing considered, instead of a miserable revenue of 24 per cent, the scheme is very much more likely to show 20 per cent on the other side. We are not all clever at calculating the strength of iron girders, and the Chinese Government is not all wise at estimating the value of a dollar, and by the latter entirely the scheme will stand or fall.

DOLLARS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Sir,—What is this further interference you report on the part of Government with Crown lands? I have written the power to build our houses in the school, Government Colony with or without compensation as we please? Do we not pay enough Crown rent and taxes for water and other privileges? We never get, that we need be overruled in this way? What property owners in England, willing of course to conform to such just laws, are necessary for the safe construction of buildings, would tolerate for a moment detention as to the play of building he should adopt, or whether he should build or not on his own land? It may be argued that it is for the public safety that cook-houses should be attached to every dwelling-house, &c., but surely the Insurance Office are the parties to look after that, and if cook-houses are not wanted nor insured, it may be as well to leave public and private dwellings as they are, and let them be built, &c. Why should Chinese be consulted as to how the law is to be carried out? A great many landowners here feel bitterly and to their cost that they consider the most unvarnished interference with the rights they would hold as landowners in the old country, and want to know why they are not respected and why, while some localities are kept like a bright new pin, other densely-populated streets of our city are in a condition not fit for pigs to live in. Could not certain zealous official whose ubiquity is well known employ his time more effectively

ly and profitably in attending to such matters than in obstructing?

LEGITIMATE DEVELOPMENT.

Our correspondent is most likely correct in his complaints against some of the official restrictions and annoyances enforced and endured in this Colony. At the same time, the Ordinance is clear enough as to proper cooking places being provided in all houses. In the case to which we referred (that in the *Government Gazette* of the 17th instant) H. E. the Governor seems, in Jan. 1879, to have supposed the Surveyor General, in the *Gazette* of 1878, pp. 370-375, a memorial is published regarding which is known now as the "Smoke-hole affair," and a reply by the Governor, in which the Chinese landholders had all their own way, in opposition to the opinion of the Surveyor General. It will be seen, therefore, that the restrictions of the Ordinance are not always approved of at headquarters. —*Ex. G.M.*

SUPREME COURT. IN ADMIRALTY.

(Before His Honor the Puisne Judge, P. Snowden, Captain McEuen and Captain Taylor.)

Tuesday, July 20.

IN AN "STATERAMOR." This was an action arising out of the loss of a junk, which was said to have been run into by the steamer above mentioned. Mr. Hayler, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiffs, and the Hon. Attorney General, instructed by Messrs Brereton and Wotton appeared for the defendants. Mr. Hayler, in opening the case said, the junk in this case was an Amoy trading junk, of 1,600 tons carrying capacity. There were 18 persons on board, of whom were 12 Chinese, and 6 Europeans, and 25 passengers. The junk traded between Ohin On and Niupoo. On the morning of the 12th inst. at 3 o'clock, or 25 minutes past 3 o'clock as the other side said, off the Island of Ohan On, or as it was called by the Chinese Ohan On, the junk was run into by the steamer, and the other side said she was put back, and the engines were reversed, full speed. The steamer had the opportunity of keeping as far away as possible. The duty of the steamer was simply not to run the vessel so fine as had been attempted. No other lights were shown, and the other side said the *Tong Hop Fat*. There was no reason, Mr. Hayler argued, why the steamer should have steered so close as she had done to the junk. The junk having taken this course so as to bring herself on to the side of the steamer, the other side said she was responsible for whatever damage had been occasioned. The learned Counsel ran through the facts of the case as they were stated by the parties for the defence. The case was one in which an absolute and exclusively incompetent crew was being pursued. It was said that the junk by altering her course had confused the steamer. The argument of his clients was that the steamer had no right to be so close to them that they could not save the junk from destruction. The learned Counsel quoted the case of the *Princess Alice* and *Buwell Castle* collision, and the case of the *Ka diw v. Voorst*, and then called evidence.

The case, which was one of comparatively little interest, occupied the Court all day. Five witnesses were called for the defence, which the further hearing of the case was adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Police Intelligence.

(Before His Honor Mr. Justice.)

Tuesday, July 21.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION. Li Atang, a chair cooler, was charged with unlawful possession on the 19th inst. Colonel A. D. Geddes, Commanding 27th Infantry, said: Defendant is my chair cooler. On Sunday morning I missed a silver spoon. I have reason to suspect that defendant had stolen it. I sent for the police yesterday and a Sergeant came and searched my servant's boxes. The Sergeant found a silver spoon in one of the boxes, and I told him it was mine. Defendant said: Defendant is my chair cooler. On Sunday morning I missed a silver spoon. I have reason to suspect that defendant had stolen it. I sent for the police yesterday and a Sergeant came and searched my servant's boxes. The Sergeant found a silver spoon in one of the boxes, and I told him it was mine. Defendant said: Defendant is my chair cooler. On Sunday morning I missed a silver spoon. I have reason to suspect that defendant had stolen it. I sent for the police yesterday and a Sergeant came and searched my servant's boxes. 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